

CLAIMS

1. A sweetening composition comprising :
 - 5 a) at least one not very soluble compound with a solubility in water of less than 60 g per 100 g of solution at 20°C, chosen from the group consisting of sugars and polyols, individually or as a mixture thereof; and
 - 10 b) at least one anti-crystallising agent comprising a fraction of at least one oligosaccharide or polysaccharide chosen from the group consisting of starch hydrolysates with a molecular weight in the range 500 to 8000 Daltons and having a glass transition temperature of less than 140°C at a
 - 15 water content of 0% and pyrodextrins and polyglucoses with a molecular weight in the range 1000 to 8000 Daltons, individually or as a mixture thereof.
2. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the
- 20 pyrodextrins or polyglucoses have a molecular weight in the range 1000 to 6000 Daltons.
3. A composition according to Claim 2, wherein the pyrodextrins or polyglucoses have a molecular weight in the range 2000 to 5000 Daltons.
- 25 4. A composition according to Claim 2, wherein the pyrodextrins or polyglucoses have a molecular weight in the range 4000 to 5000 Daltons.
5. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-crystallising agent is hydrogenated and/or oxidised.
- 30 6. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the not very soluble compound is chosen from the group

consisting of trehalose, lactose, mannose, maltose, erythritol, mannitol, glucopyranodiso-1,6-mannitol and lactitol.

5 7. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ratio by weight of anti-crystallising agent / not very soluble compound is in the range 10/90 to 90/10.

8. A composition according to Claim 7, wherein said ratio is in the range 20/80 to 80/20.

10 9. A composition according to Claim 1, comprising 25 wt.% to 35 wt.% on a dry basis of mannitol and 65 wt.% to 75 wt.% on a dry basis of a fraction of hydrogenated dextrans.

15 10. A composition according to Claim 1, comprising 65 wt.% to 75 wt.% on a dry basis of lactitol and 25 wt.% to 35 wt.% on a dry basis of a fraction of hydrogenated dextrans.

20 11. A composition according to Claim 1, comprising 40 wt.% to 80 wt.% on a dry basis of glucopyranosido-1,6-mannitol and 20 wt.% to 60 wt.% on a dry basis of maltotriitol.

12. A boiled sugar comprising a composition according to Claim 1.

13. A flavouring carrier comprising a composition according to Claim 1.